



MEDIWATCH

Background of invention:

Being in the Medical Field, one was always challenged for ways to administer medication that would be patient compliant.

Having to be the caregiver to my disabled mother after she suffered a massive CVA, and now myself being disabled, I realized that it was and still is an on going problem when to take one's daily medications. Therefore, very often medication delivery was missed, especially during the times when one is away from home.

Though, I had a pillbox container, which stored the medicines for up to seven days at four daily intervals, remembering was still a problem. Not only did I have to carry the medication storage container; I had to have a separate alarm watch as a reminder. This became quite cumbersome and was certainly an inconvenience.

When comparing other such devices, which are similar, such as Daniel, Patent No. 6,301,196, which incorporates the "silent alarm" and Danko, Patent No. 5,802,014 which is a portable strap-on tablet dispensing system that hold a plurality of tablets, my invention is innovative and uniquely different which can only be concluded after examining the technical drawings and the detailed description of said operation.

Ghooahoo, Patent No. 6,464,389, refers to a disc, which I believe to be

describing the casement of the device. My usage of the word “disc” refers to a removable, changeable disc shaped insert, which fits into the underside of the lid of the pillbox. This disc is divided and lined for listing the medications stored in the base of the timepiece. This provides a “simple” way for identifying the medications in the pillbox/base. It also provides a readily available list of medications, which the wearer is taking.

Said important medication information does not require any special programming. This is simply a pop-out disc, held in position by a clear plastic shield surrounded by a ring frame. The flip side of this disc provides space for emergency contact information regarding the patient, such as name and phone number of physician, name and number to contact in case of an emergency, whether or not this patient has a living will or a medical directive, also able to be included is a specific medication alert, such as a blood thinner or steroid medication. This is so easy, that anyone can do it and medical personnel, such as their physician’s nurse would be able to fill in the medication list disc in a timely manner not taking her away from her duties and responsibilities to her other patients.

Sandidge, Patent No. 6,340,242 has an information-displaying, window, which is completely different from the removable information insert. This insert is user friendly and addresses the limitations of the senior population.

They may not be able to program said information. Due to the usual deterioration of vision the big-faced watch measuring 2” in diameter is most beneficial for the visually impaired. While eliminating the need to be able to view a small display window, it also addresses the problem of lost dexterity, and being unable to push small buttons. The only programming need to utilize and correctly operate this invention is to separately set one to four alarms as a reminder to take the medications carried in the watch/pillbox.

Furthermore, it is my intention to implore the pharmaceutical companies to provide a peelable medication label provided with their prescription that can be placed on a blank line in the appropriate section of the pop-out disc.

Another object of this invention is to address the issue of important medical information being readily accessible, but not complicated to retrieve. My device shall be **engraved** on the back of the base of the pill/box/storage compartment. This engraving can not be changed and eliminates the need to carry a separate medical alert card. Once again, no programming is needed.

Engraved information is information that will not change such as name, blood type, drug allergies and medical conditions. Please refer to the technical drawings for more detail.

It is the object to present to the general public a new “all-in-one” combined watch storage container and medical alert bracelet simple to operate encompassing the range of children to seniors. Young and old alike shall benefit from this invention.

Marketing will be geared so that all first responders will be educated to look for the MW symbol. Simplicity is the key here. Just flip open the lid and there is a list of the medications or turn the watch over and there is life saving medical information engraved.

This device is similar in some respects to previous patents, but much different because of its simplicity to operate and the combination of four important features.

1. the alarm watch
2. the medication storage capacity
3. the medication information list/important medical contact information
4. the medical alert engraving, replacing the need to wear a separate medical alert bracelet, or carry a medical identification card

Another object of this invention is to provide a new combination; watch/pillbox, with alarm reminders and a medical alert bracelet or information card to be manufactured and marketed.

It is the intention of the inventor, to keep this invention simple to operate and “user friendly” which insures patient compliance, easily marketed and reasonably priced, so as to be affordable and operable to all potential users.

Another object of this invention is to give the consumer a choice to purchase a less complicated, more diverse medication storage/alarm watch combination, as well as eliminating the need to carry or wear separate medical alert information.